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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Frank Wicks, General Manager
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine
P.O. Box 838
Tooele, Utah 84074

Re: Tailings Pond Ground Water
Discharge Permit

Dear Mr. Wicks:

We have reviewed your letter of March 29, 1990, wherein you ask that the one year maximum time period for submission of a ground water discharge permit not commence until you receive application forms. We are sorry if there is confusion on this matter, however, please be advised that no application forms are required to request a ground water permit.

The Ground Water Regulation Section R-448-6-6.3 defines the information which must be provided for consideration of permit issuance. Although we are working on an application form, its purpose is merely to assist applicants in supplying the referenced information in a uniform format. We will make a copy of the form available to you as soon as it is complete, however, its use is entirely optional. Therefore, we do not feel there is any impediment to your completing the necessary work to obtain a ground water discharge permit and we are expecting that it can be submitted by March 27, 1991, as required by the regulations.

We will be willing to assist you in any way appropriate in making a complete application.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Pollution Control Committee

Don A. Ostler
Executive Secretary

cc: Fred Nelson, Attorney General's Office
Division of Oil Gas & Mining
Tooele County Health Department